

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application. Claims 21-27 are withdrawn without prejudice.

The Office requires restriction of claims 1-39 in two species. The Group I claims include claims 1-20 and 28-39 directed to Figures 1-3. The Group II claims are directed to Figure 4. The Group I claims address a voting system for use in elections, while the Group II claims address a specific voting method. The applicant hereby elects the Group I claims, including claims 1-20 and claims 28-39. The applicant makes this election with traverse because the method shown generally in Figure 4 is embodied in program instructions that may form part of the system, i.e., the species are not independent or distinct, and Figure 4 is also used to support Group I claims.

The fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1) for a one month extension of time are enclosed herewith. Applicant believes no other fees are currently due, however, if any fee is deemed necessary in connection with this Amendment and Response, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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